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MDE AND SRBC TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING ON SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENTS  
DEVELOPED FOR PUBLIC DRINKING WATER INTAKES SERVING BALTIMORE,  
HARFORD AND CECIL COUNTIES

HARRISBURG (Feb. 25) – The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) and the Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) will hold a joint public meeting on March 5 to present the results of several source water assessments that were conducted for drinking water intakes servicing the City of Baltimore, Port Deposit, Perryville, Havre de Grace, and the Perrypoint Veterans Association Hospital. The meeting will take place at the Havre de Grace Community Center, 100 Lagaret Lane, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

At the meeting, the public will hear the results of the assessments and have the opportunity to comment and ask questions. SRBC conducted the assessments under a contract with MDE as part of the state's Source Water Assessment and Protection process. SRBC's assessment included: (1) identifying areas contributing water to the public water systems; (2) inventorying potential sources of contamination; and (3) establishing how vulnerable these public water systems are to pollutants.

SRBC Executive Director Paul Swartz noted that the federal Safe Drinking Water Act requires states to assess all sources of drinking water that service public water systems for their susceptibility to pollution.

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“Public participation is an important component of MDE’s source water assessment program and we support the agency’s efforts to fully involve the public,” said Swartz. “We welcome any and all additional input from local residents, who can also help verify the accuracy of the data that’s been collected.”

Questions about the March 5 public meeting or the assessment report should be directed to: Andrew Gavin, Water Quality Program Specialist, SRBC, 1721 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17102, (717) 238-0426, ext. 107 or by e-mail at [agavin@srbc.net](mailto:agavin@srbc.net).

The Susquehanna River Basin Commission is the governing agency established under a 100-year compact signed on Dec. 24, 1970 by the federal government and the states of New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland to protect and wisely manage the water resources of the Susquehanna River Basin. The Susquehanna River starts in Cooperstown, N.Y., and flows 444 miles to Havre de Grace, Md., where the river meets the Chesapeake Bay.